

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have canceled claim 18. Accordingly, claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-17.

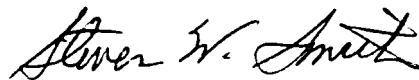
3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

On Page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brownell et al, PGPUB 2003/0130833, in view of Chin et al. Patent No. 5617421 in view of applicant admitted prior art. The Applicants have canceled claim 18 without prejudice.

4.) Conclusion

The Applicants have canceled rejected claim 18, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-17.

Respectfully submitted,



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